

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 12, 2000**. Above average rainfall fell across most of the state, hampering most agricultural activities. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 28 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	100	99	100	98	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	99	97	98	94	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	75	65	90	86	9	22	47	21	1
	Emerged	54	23	67	68					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	99	98	96	95	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						4	18	40	32	6
Pasture						22	33	30	13	2

County Agent Comments

“Rains are keeping many people out of the field, but nobody is complaining. We would like to plant some more wheat if it dries up.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“We received some rain that should help winter forages germinate and grow. Farmers are repairing equipment and planning for next year.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“Rain finally arrived! The county has received from 1 to 3 inches of rain. Final wheat planting will be done when tractors can return to fields. We need several more general rains to help fill ponds, help reduce forest fires and to replenish the water table.”

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

“Rain at last -- what a welcome sight! Dormant pastures and fall planted crops are turning green. No major wind damage reported. Aphids are very numerous on mustard greens.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Showers and rain through the week have slowed final harvest operations but have assisted small grains and pastures. Drastic changes in 2001 programs could severely affect the local economy.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Much needed rains fell across the area last week. Wheat planting will quickly be completed when the soils dry up enough. Much more rain is still needed to build up subsoil moisture.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“We finally received some rain and it has done wonders. Most producers that I have talked with have received five inches or better. This will help out a lot with filling up ponds and will enable producers to start grazing within a couple of weeks.”

— Lance Newman, Marion County

“Rain over the weekend and this week has greatly helped our situation. Ryegrass is beginning to germinate and show promise of a stand. Hay will be short this year especially if we have a bad winter. Cotton and peanut harvests are over. Some peanut yields are reported as some of the best ever; however, cotton yields are down.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

Weather Summary from November 6, 2000 to November 12, 2000 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale				55									
Cleveland	73	36	53			2.54		5	3.60				
Tunica	69	33	52	54	-2	2.58	+1.47	4	3.68				
Extreme/Average	73	33	53	56	-2	2.56	+1.47	5	3.64				
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	70	40	59	53	+6	3.16	+1.94	4	3.64	74	59	65	
Memphis	71	34	54	55	-1	2.23	+1.14	5	2.90				
Oxford	71	30	53	53	0	4.43	+3.19	4	5.57				
Extreme/Average	71	30	56	54	+2	3.27	+2.08	4	4.04	74	59	65	
3. Northeast													
Booneville	74	29	55	53	+2	3.95	+2.78	5	4.60				
Corinth	79	39	61	54	+7	6.41	+5.22	5	6.91				
Iuka	76	29	54			3.14		5	4.00				
Pontotoc	73	31	52	54	-2	E4.53	+3.49	5	E5.39	68	55	63	0.09
Tupelo	76	32	56	55	+1	4.19	+3.16	4	5.11				
Verona	76	33	56			5.09		5	5.86	73	34	61	
Extreme/Average	79	29	56	54	+2	4.55	+3.42	5	5.31	73	34	62	0.09
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	76	39	57	57	0	3.60	+2.50	4	4.37	79	60	69	
Greenwood	76	36	56	57	-1	2.59	+1.50	4	2.99				
Rolling Fork	76	38	54	57	-3	4.17	+3.13	4	4.58	77	55	66	0.04
Stoneville	74	36	53	57	-4	2.82	+1.61	4	5.02	72	49	61	
Yazoo City	76	38	56	58	-2	E4.04	+2.98	4	E4.06				
Extreme/Average	76	36	55	57	-2	3.44	+2.30	4	4.20	79	49	65	0.04
5. Central													
Carthage	75	35	54	57	-3	E4.76	+3.71	3	E4.80				
Jackson	80	38	58	58	0	4.28	+3.25	5	4.48				
Winona	76	31	54	54	0	6.65	+5.57	4	7.19				
Extreme/Average	80	31	55	57	-2	5.23	+4.18	4	5.49				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	83	44	66			3.20	+2.27	3	3.20	74	57	67	
Columbus	81	34	57			3.18		4	3.36				
State University	79	32	57	57	0	4.98	+4.09	5	5.20	74	54	65	0.10
Extreme/Average	83	32	60	56	+4	3.79	+2.78	4	3.92	74	54	66	0.10
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	80	37	58			4.84		3	6.13	76	50	65	
Natchez	80	35	58	61	-3	4.67	+3.59	2	5.75				
Oakley	81	38	60	57	+3	6.24	+5.22	5	7.20	82	54	67	
Vicksburg	77	37	56			3.84		4	5.71				
Extreme/Average	81	35	58	59	-1	4.90	+3.87	4	6.20	82	50	66	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	80	38	59	59	0	E3.80	+2.82	4	E4.46				
McComb	78	36	57	59	-2	E3.09	+2.10	4	E4.08				
Extreme/Average	80	36	58	59	-1	3.45	+2.50	4	4.27				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						E1.72		3	E1.92				
Hattiesburg				59		E3.96	+2.94	4	E4.42				
Laurel	79	37	62	58	+4	3.85	+2.93	3	3.92				
Meridian	79	32	60	57	+3	1.75	+0.81	4	1.89				
Newton	81	32	59	56	+3	3.78	+2.84	4	3.93	69	50	61	0.10
Extreme/Average	81	32	60	58	+2	3.34	+2.38	4	3.54	69	50	61	0.10
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	82	37	64			E1.83		5	E1.85				
Biloxi AFB	82	41	67			0.47		4	0.72				
Gulfport	79	39	64	63	+1	2.08	+1.20	4	2.47				
Pascagoula	81	35	64			2.06		5	2.22				
Poplarville	81	38	62	61	+1	2.85	+1.92	4	3.06	77	59	69	0.13
Extreme/Average	82	35	64	62	+2	1.86	+0.95	4	2.06	77	59	69	0.13
State	83	29	58	57	+1	3.79	+2.75	4	4.39	82	34	65	0.10

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Value.